

DINWIDDIE LADY TO INHERIT VAST SUM

New York Lawyer Reaches Petersburg Seeking Relatives of William Cook.

BROTHER SAID TO BE DEAD

John S. Cook, Gasfitter, First Sought—Chamber of Commerce in Better Quarters.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
PETERSBURG, VA., May 22.—An interesting case has been developed here by the appearance of a New York lawyer, who appeared in Petersburg yesterday to find John S. Cook, formerly a gasfitter in this city, whose brother, William Cook, has recently died in California, leaving an estate of half a million dollars. Had the lawyer, John Cook, to give up his trade in this city many years ago, and he became attached to the local Democratic headquarters, where he rendered valuable service. Afterwards he served one term as superintendent of the water works, and then went to Washington city, where he was employed in the government plumbing office. Several years ago inquiries from a law firm in the North were received by friends of Cook, but nothing has been heard from him for years, and he is supposed to be dead; if so, a sister, who is said to be living in Dinwiddie county, is the sole heir to the large fortune. William Cook, who made the money, left Petersburg years ago, and settled in California.

Have Civic League.

The Common Council and Board of Aldermen, in session to consider the report of the Public Improvement Committee as to the curbing of Grove Avenue, formerly known as Old Street, from Short Market to Canal Street, adopted the recommendations. The work will cost \$1,620.

A civic league, to assist in the work of improving and beautifying the city, is to be organized at a meeting at A. P. Hill Camp Hall tomorrow morning, which has been called by a number of ladies who are interested in such work, and desire to obtain the organized co-operation of all Petersburg women.

The Chamber of Commerce has moved into large and commodious quarters in the Appropriation Trust Company Building, occupying the remodeled auditorium in that building, which formerly belonged to the Young Men's Christian Association. New furniture is being put in, and seats for two hundred people will be provided.

Dinwiddie Primary.

At a meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee, held at Dinwiddie county, last Monday, Judge J. T. Harris was elected chairman, and Mr. S. T. Gorow, secretary. August 1st was selected as the day to hold the Democratic primary to nominate a candidate for the Legislature, and candidates for the county and district offices, and to elect five members from each district to constitute a new county committee. All candidates will be assessed \$10, except those for the office of supervisor, who will pay \$5. The county chairman was authorized to confer with the Petersburg chairman as to the nomination for the State Senate.

Senator Charles T. Lassiter, of this city, will be a candidate for re-election, and will probably have no opposition.

Hibernians Meet.

Petersburg Division, Ancient Order of Hibernians, met last night at A. P. Hill Camp Hall, and heard interesting addresses by several local members, and by three visiting officers of the order, who were Patrick T. Moran, national director, of Washington, D. C.; P. J. Halligan, national editor of The Hibernian, the official organ of the order, and State Secretary John T. Flood, of Portsmouth, Va. After the meeting a supper was given at the Chesterfield Hotel in honor of the visitors.

TO TRY DR. WAGNER.

Perjury Charge to Be Sifted in the Washington Court.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 22.—Dr. Harrison Wagner will be put on trial in the local criminal court tomorrow on charges of perjury in connection with some litigation in Dickenson county, Va. He has been trying to collect judgments in the local courts for several million dollars against the Heidinger estate and the Adams Express Company. He claimed that he had gotten these judgments in the County Court of Dickenson county, and made out that they were good and without effect to-day. The district attorney here claims that the proceedings, by which the judgments were awarded in Dickenson county, were set aside, on the ground that there had been fraud shown in connection with them, and that his judgments were worthless.

Dr. Wagner claims that it was he who discovered the "rebel spy, Hetherington," and had him arrested, which was responsible for the future of Job Stuart to get to Gettysburg in time to help Lee in his maneuvers preliminary to the fight. He says that from that day to this he has been persecuted by the Adams Express Company and others. It is out of this alleged persecutions that his suits in Dickenson county grew.

LAD FALLS INTO CISTERN.

Mr. Slaven's Child Found in Speechless Condition—Boy in Runaway.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
MONTEREY, VA., May 22.—Within the space of a few hours two Monterey children had a most thrilling experience to-day. A little seven-year-old lad of Mr. R. A. Slaven, living in the suburbs of the town, "took up" missing, and, after an exciting search, was found ascending a ladder which stood in a new cistern being dug near

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The Fight for the Democratic Nomination for Congress From the Eighth District is Attracting Dilettante Attention. It is Being Waged Good-naturedly, But With Great Vigor, and no Man Can Pick the Winner.

the house. The little fellow had fallen in—thirteen feet to the bottom—but did not sustain fatal injuries. Though climbing up the ladder, he was found to be dazed and speechless, and remained for several hours.

Not long afterward Russell Simmons, a town urehin, got on a horse in front of the Commercial to ride to the stable. The animal took fright and ran away. The lad called into play his stick-untails, and retained his seat until the horse was caught, but not until two streets of the town had been covered at a two-forty gait.

LOOKING INTO THINGS.

Grand Jury Asking About Returns of Merchants and About Gambling.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., May 22.—

Last week the grand jury set out on a big investigating campaign. The jury has adjourned from time to time, and has not yet completed its work. The grand jury has summoned a number of merchants of the city and questioned them vigorously in reference to the returns of purchases for the past year given in to the commissioner of the revenue as the basis for fixing the amount of license paid. It developed that some of them kept no books, and admitted that the amounts given in were merely approximated. Some of them were questioned as to the amount of personal property given in for taxation. Later a number of citizens were summoned and questioned pointedly as to certain alleged irregularities in the city, and especially in reference to card-playing.

The grand jury adjourned last night until Thursday, May 23d, at 11 A. M., when it will continue its investigations.

SETTLE OLD MATTER.

Judge Goodrich says Those Who Gave Coupons Should Be Released.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., May 22.—Years ago, during the Reconstruction period, a number of merchants here tendered tax receivable coupons cut from bonds, issued under the bill of 1871, in payment of their State license. The coupons were refused and judgments rendered against the merchants for doing a business without a license. Subsequently the Supreme Court of the United States decided that the coupons were a legal tender, and that they should be received for licenses. The judgments, however, were never released from the court records, and the merchants, who had given up the coupons, were still liable for the judgments. Recently a leading firm, through its attorney, has appealed to the Corporation Court to be relieved of these judgments, and Judge J. T. Goodrich has given his opinion that they should be released. This opinion, with the papers in the case, will be sent to the Governor to be acted upon.

VIRGINIA CLASSIS MEETS.

Sixty-ninth Session of Reformed Church Representatives in Winchester.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
WINCHESTER, VA., May 22.—With ministers, elders and many visitors in attendance from all sections of the Valley of Virginia as far south as Roanoke, and from portions of West Virginia, the Virginia Classis of the Reformed Church met in its sixty-ninth annual session this evening in the new Century Church of Winchester, of which Rev. T. K. Cromer is pastor. A large congregation heard the opening sermon by Rev. Dr. M. A. Kleffer, of Timberville, Va., retiring president. Rev. N. H. Skyles, of Woodstock, Va., conducted devotional exercises, after which the classis was formally convened. It will remain in session over Sunday, attending to legislative business.

Many Veterans Coming.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., May 22.—Great interest is felt here in the coming reunion in Richmond and large numbers will attend from this city. Many Camp of Confederate Veterans will go in a body and take part in the parade, and it is expected that R. S. Clark, Camp of Confederate Veterans, will also attend.

PRESIDENT MEETS MANASSAS PEOPLE

Great Company Had Been Observing Memorial Day When His Train Arrived.

"MIGHT KILL DEMOCRAT"

When Train Began to Back President Laughingly Called to People to Look Out.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

MANASSAS, VA., May 22.—The Manassas Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy observed Memorial Day to-day, departing from their usual custom of holding the memorial exercises on the 3d of June, the birthday of Jefferson Davis, because of the Confederate reunion, which is to take place in Richmond on that date. The exercises were well attended, the courthouse, at which the speaking took place, being packed to its utmost capacity. Addresses were delivered by Mr. R. L. Gordon, of Loudoun; Judge C. E. Nicol, Mr. J. B. Thornton, Rev. W. H. K. Pendleton, of Wytheville, formerly of Manassas, Dr. H. M. Clarkson, the poet laureate of the Manassas Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy, read an original poem, which was for the theme of the unveiling of the statue of Jefferson Davis. The speaking was interspersed with music, vocal and instrumental, one of the most pleasing features of the program being the singing of a large chorus of children. Mr. Gordon, who was the orator of the day, was introduced by his friend and opponent for a seat in Congress from the Eighth District, Judge C. E. Nicol. The best of feeling exists between these two gentlemen, each in the course of their remarks referring to the other as "my good friend."

All Meet Mr. Roosevelt.

President Roosevelt, party passed through here this afternoon on his return to Washington from Pine Knot. The President's train made a brief stop, and Mr. Roosevelt came to the rear platform of his car in response to a call from several men who were at the depot. Major James R. Purcell, of this city, introduced him to the remainder of the party to the President. While they were talking the train began to back, and Mr. Roosevelt called to the crowd to get out of the way, saying that if they didn't mind a good Democrat would be killed. Mr. E. Nelson, clerk of the Circuit Court of Prince William county, responded, "Yes, and there are no Democrats to spare." The President replied that the last returns looked that way. The President was very democratic and pleasant to all, and extended his hand to many.

BEDFORD HONORS DEAD VETERANS

Interesting and Appropriate Exercises Held in City and Cemetery.

BEDFORD CITY, VA., May 22.—Under the auspices of the William R. Terry Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the annual tribute of flowers, oratory and music was paid to-day to the memory of the soldiers of the war of the Confederacy who sacrificed their lives in behalf of a noble cause.

At 9:30 o'clock in the morning a committee of ladies of the chapter drove to Longwood cemetery and decorated the graves of those soldiers of Bedford who are buried there. These graves had been previously marked with small flags by Captain R. B. Clytor, who has kept the records.

At 11 o'clock a great crowd assembled at Belmont Theatre, where the memorial exercises took place. Upon the rostrum, which was adorned with bunting, flags and flowers, red and white, the Confederate colors, were seated the officers of the chapter, distinguished guests and members of the choir. The invocation was made by Rev. Dalgle Tucker, of the Episcopal Church, a selected choir rendered in fine style appropriate music, with Miss Rosalie Smith as accompanist.

Rev. Dr. S. S. Lambeth, of the Virginia Conference of the Methodist Church, was the orator of the occasion, and his address was character-



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LAWLER SUGGESTS TRIPLE HANGING

Norfolk Segeant Asks Judge to Defer Execution Until Thurman Trial.

PRESENT FOR DR. BARR

Ladies of Congregation of St. Luke's Getting Up Beautiful Silver Set.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, VA., May 22.—City Sergeant John F. Lawler to-day suggested to Judge Allan R. Hancock, of the Corporation Court, that the fixing of the date for the execution of the negroes, William McIntosh and Tom Lassiter, convicted of the murder of Charles W. Parks, of Berkeley Ward, be deferred until after the trial of Leo C. Thurman, charged with the murder of W. P. Dolson, so that in the event of Thurman's conviction, all three men may be executed at the same time.

Judge Hancock, in reply, said that this may be done, but that the intimation was that in the event of the conviction of Thurman, there would certainly be an appeal to the Supreme Court of Virginia. This would cause delay in the sentencing of the negroes, as no motions for new trials have been asked for in their cases. In case Thurman should appeal, his case would rest two months or more in the Supreme Court.

Present for Dr. Barr.
The ladies of the congregation of St. Luke's Episcopal Church are getting together a beautiful silver set, which they will present to Rev. Dr. and Mrs. William A. Barr upon their departure for Lynchburg next week, where Dr. Barr will reside, he having retired from the pulpit.

Rev. Dr. Barr closes his sermons at the St. Luke's Church next Sunday. No successor has been secured to fill the pulpit of St. Luke's, but the vestry expect to secure one in a few weeks.

"Drys" Making Big Fight.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
STAUNTON, VA., May 22.—The "drys" are making a big fight to have a local option election held here. The committee appointed to pass around papers for signatures, stated that they had 310 already, and will present the petition to the Judge in a day or two. It only needs 150 registered voters to hold an election in the city. The whiskey people seem to pay a very little attention to the movement.

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